2003 OPINIONS

#2003-1 TO: Senator William Doyle, Chair

Senate Government Operations Committee

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RE: Voter approval of a constitutional amendment is legally

required before the runoff system can be applied to elections for the offices of governor, lieutenant governor and treasurer. A constitutional amendment is not legally required for the other statewide offices, and the Legislature could change

these voting procedures without voter participation.

INFORMAL OPINION.